

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

EXAMINER:

In response to the Official Action dated January 15, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

**In The Claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 7, 8 and 10, and cancel claims 2-6, as provided below in the associated claim listing on separate sheets: